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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 10513

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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS OF DUTCH VETO IN URENCO OF POSSIBLE  
ENRICHED URANIUM FOR BRAZIL

REF: BONN 21430

1. SUMMARY. GOB OFFICIALS PROFESS TO BE UNWORRIED ABOUT A POSSIBLE  
DUTCH VETO OF URENCO URANIUM FOR BRAZIL. ACCORDING TO NEWS  
REPORTS, "SPECIALISTS" CITED EUROPEAN ALTERNATIVES AND FRG PLEDGES  
FOR FUEL FOR ANGRA I AND III. FONMIN. SILVEIRA HAS REFUSED TO  
COMMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DEC 22, BRAZILIAN PRESS, CITING BONN'S GENERALANZEIGER,  
REPORTED THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT WOULD VETO URENCO FUEL FOR ANGRA  
II AND III UNLESS BRAZIL ADHERED TO THE NPT OR ACCEPTED IAEA  
SAFEGUARDS ON ALL FORM NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN BRAZIL.  
THE STORY SAID THE GON, HMG, AND THE FRG WERE DISCUSSING THE  
ISSUE.

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3. ACCORDING TO A DEC 23 PRESS REPORT, FONMIN. SILVEIRA AND A  
DUTCH EMBASSY SPOKESMANN REFUSED TO COMMENT. NEITHER HAD RECEIVED  
CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS DAY'S PRESS REPORTS. AN  
UNIDENTIFIED (AND, WE HAVE LEARNED, UNAUTHORIZED) DUTCH  
EMBASSY SOURCE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE GOB WANTS FURTHER

ASSURANCES, BUT THERE ARE OTHER POSSIBLE CONTROLS BESIDES  
BRAZIL'S ADHERENCE TO THE NPT.

4. SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED BRAZILIAN "SPECIALIST", ACCORDING  
TO DEC 23 PRESS REPORTS, PROFESSED TO BE UNWORRIED ABOUT A  
POSSIBLE DUTCH VETO--THEY CITED "EUROPEAN ALTERNATIVES",  
AND PLEDGES IN THE FRG/GOB NUCLEAR AGREEMENT FOR FUEL FOR  
ANGRA II AND III. ONE UNNAMED ABSERVER REPORTEDLY SAID  
THE GOB, FACED WITH INTERNAL OPPOSITION TO URENCO EX-  
PANSION, IS TRYING WITH THE VETO PSYCHOLOGICALLY NOT  
TO SEEM TO BE IGNORING THE APPEALS OF ITS PEOPLE. ANOTHER  
UNIDENTIFIED OBSERVER SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT URENCO WOULD  
DEMAND MORE SAFEGUARDS, AND HE POINTED TO INTERNATIONAL  
PRESSURES ON NETHERLANDS BY OPPONENTS OF THE FRG/GOB AGREEMENT  
(READ US). UNIDENTIFIED OBSERVERS REAFFIRMED THAT THERE  
WAS NOT THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF BRAZILIAN ADHERENCE TO NPT.

5. A DUTCH EMBASSY OFFICIAL TOLD US HIS EMBASSY HAD  
RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION FROM THE HAGUE OF THE BONN PRESS  
REPORTS. HE MADE CLEAR THAT THE REPORTED COMMENTS OF A  
LOWER LEVEL EMBASSY OFFICIAL (PARA 3) HAD BEEN MADE  
WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A CONFIRMATION OF THE FACTS. THE  
OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE SPOKE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN  
URENCO WOULD MAKE A DECISION ON EXPANSION AND ON FUEL FOR  
THIRD COUNTRIES INCLUDING BRAZIL, ALTHOUGH HE HAD CONCLUDED  
FROM DUTCH PRESS SOURCES THAT GOB INTERNAL DECISION HAD BEEN  
MADE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED INTERNAL, PARTICULARLY LEFT-WING OPPOS-  
ITION TO URENCO'S EXPANSION.

6. NUCLEBRAS PRESIDENT PAULO NOGUEIRA BATISTA, ACCORDING TO  
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A DEC 23 PRESS REPORT, ISSUED A NOTE DENYING KNOWLEDGE OF  
ANY CHANGE IN BRAZIL'S "CONTRACT" WITH URENCO, AND EXPRESSING  
HIS EXPECTATION THAT NO CHANGE WILL OCCUR.

7. PROFESSOR JOSE GOLDENBERG, A DIRECTOR OF THE PHYSICS  
INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO AND A LONG TIME  
CRITIC OF THE FRG-GOB AGREEMENT, COMMENTED, ACCORDING TO  
THE DEC 23 PRESS, THAT THE DUTCH DECISION DID NOT SURPRISE  
HIM, INVIEW OF THE STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE NUCLEAR POWERS.  
HE COMMENTED THAT "THE CIRCLE IS CLOSING" AROUND BRAZIL.

COMMENT: GOLDENBERG'S "CIRCLE" REFERS TO THE USSR AS WELL AS  
OTHER SUPPLIERS, IN VIEW OF SOVIET CRITICISM OF BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR  
PROGRAM AND NON-NPT STATUS.

8. REF JUST RECEIVED.  
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